

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 6, 2007

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.
- A. Opening Prayer was given by Dean Mathis Minister at the First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers and August Tindell were present. George Dutro was absent.
- D. Acceptance of the Minutes from previous meeting. Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of July 17, 2007. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Armstrong introduced Tyler Duncan the 2007 State High School Golf Champ for Indiana. Mayor also recognized Tyler's Columbus North High School golf coach. Coach spoke about Tyler's success.

- E. Mayoral Proclamation – Community Book Reading Program. Mayor Armstrong read a Proclamation declaring the community book reading program. Lynne Sullivan spoke about the program and then Warren Baumgart spoke about the book selected to read as a community.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.21, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "I-2" (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL) TO "B-5" (GENERAL BUSINESS)." (Perr Investments) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, gave a brief overview of the Ordinance complete with the photos and power point slides. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "AG" (AGRICULTURE) TO "SU-1" (Northview Assembly of God Rezone) Jeff Bergman gave a brief overview of the Ordinance complete with the photos and power point slides. There was discussion about the drainage easement and the type of trees to be planted. It was reported that the Bartholomew County Highway Department had been contacted about the drainage easement. Don Strietelmeier expressed his concern for the erosion. Ted Darnall indicated that resolution was being sought in that regard. Ann DeVore moved to approve the Ordinance. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2007, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Moravec Realty) Judy Jackson, Community Development Director, introduced Tony Moravec with Moravec Realty, LLC, new owner of Zaharako’s Sweet Shop. Tony Moravec briefly explained his plans for renovation and spoke about it being a community project. He estimated it would take 2 years to complete. He requested tax abatement on the real property in the amount of \$500,000 plus equipment purchase in the amount of \$500,000. Council Person Craig Hawes reported the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Moravec Realty, LLC to be in substantial compliance. Lynne Lucas and John Burnett spoke on behalf of the project. Ed Curtin indicated the Redevelopment Commission had also approved the abatement and indicated the project was in line with what the Redevelopment Commission was trying to achieve downtown. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 30, 2007, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AUTHORIZING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA REGARDING THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS.” Trena Carter with ARA presented this Resolution. Trena Carter explained the City of Columbus was receiving a grant from the Lawrenceburg Economic Development in the amount up to \$1,086,000. She stated Lawrenceburg has this program in order to help other communities with worthwhile programs. Brief discussion followed. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 31, 2007, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO THAT OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.” Ed Curtin presented this Resolution. He indicated parking lot # 6 was owned by the City of Columbus and this Resolution would transfer the property to the Redevelopment Commission so as to allow for the construction of a parking facility in the centrally located area of the City of Columbus downtown area. Frank Jerome and Tom Heller spoke of concerns with the parking garage. Terry Coriden, attorney for the Redevelopment Commission, spoke regarding the transfer of the property. Four other people in the audience spoke in favor of the parking garage. Martha Myers moved to approve the Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1 with August Tindell voting nay.

IV. Other Business

- A. Redevelopment Commission Budget Review. – Ed Curtin passed out a handout regarding his present work plan. Tom Vujovich, Chairman of the Redevelopment Commission, spoke on behalf of Ed Curtin as the new Redevelopment Director and talked about the salary for the position.
- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.

- C. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.
- D. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer